

**PERU UTILITIES
MINUTES OF THE PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF
July 5, 2023**

The Peru Utilities Service Board held a meeting at the Peru office at 335 East Canal Street, Peru, Indiana, and through video conferencing via Teams Meeting, on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Chairperson, Mary Costin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to notice as required by law. The following Board members were present Richard Donoho, Jami Edwards, Chris McKinney, and Dave Van Baalen. Others present Joshua Chance, Jamin Beisiegel, Wayne Brindle, Michael Biesenbach, Tom Gustin-City Council Liason, Mayor Miles Hewitt and Dustin Kern-Attorney Absent: Alice Hartley and Kathleen Plothow-City Council Liason.

1.) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2023:

Board member Richard Donoho moved that the minutes of June 21, 2023 be approved. Board member Jami Edwards seconded the motion. Chris McKinney abstained, he was absent at the June 21, 2023 meeting. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed by the attending board members.

2.) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Board member Jami Edwards made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

3.) NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on-site Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Team-Teaching Room. Teams Meeting video conferencing is available for the public.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.) NEW BUSINESS: None

7.) CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: Mayor Hewitt stated they had a great attendance during the 4th of July fireworks celebration at Maconaquah park on Tuesday.

8.) CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE: Mr. Kern stated that he had previously investigated the lemon law for the Digger Derrick Truck in 2021 and it does not qualify. We had discussed the lemon law in October of 2021 when they started having problems with Digger Derrick Truck. Mr. Kern researched the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act statute that governs warranties on consumer products. They looked at the warranties provided by UTE and Versalift, and the warranty was extended for a year and the Digger Derrick Truck was sent back for repairs. Mr. Chance stated they thought everything was fixed but the Digger Derrick Truck continued to have problems with remote control failures and a complete system failure (hydraulic oil mixed with transmission fluid). Mr. Chance stated that the

Digger Derrick Truck is now out of warranty and our last option is to convert the truck to full hydraulics. Versalift will pay for materials to convert the truck, but Peru Utilities will be responsible for the labor. Mr. Kern explained the only way to consider a lawsuit would be from a product liability standpoint and it would require the product to have caused an actual personal injury.

9.) MANAGER’S REPORT:

TOWERS CLEANED:

Mr. Chance reported that the North Water Tower by the fairgrounds and the Grissom Water Tower have been cleaned and free of rust. Mr. Chance presented before and after photos of the water towers. The Grissom Water Tower is scheduled to be painted in 2026 and the one-million-gallon tower will be repainted in 2030. The one-million-gallon tower in south Peru is being painted on the inside and the outside has been painted with a dark shade of blue.

GRANTS AWARDED:

Mr. Chance announced that Peru Utilities has received two grants for Grissom Water and Peru Water from the LSL inventory funding program. The grants are for \$15,000 each, Grissom, and Peru for lead service line inventory and Wessler will be doing the inventory work. Peru Utilities will not receive funds if we do the inventory ourselves. Mr. Beisiegel stated this is Phase 1 of the program and there is Phase 2 and 3 which has grant money available.

NATIONAL APPA CONFERENCE:

Mr. Chance reviewed with the board his experience at the National APPA Conference in Seattle, Washington last week. One of the main topics was Cyber Security and how it can affect the security of the utilities. The former head of counter terrorism operations at the NSA spoke at the conference and talked about the threats on the electric industry side. She shared information on how to secure our data at Peru Utilities and Mr. Chance has shared the information with technical services. Another subject that was covered at the conference was Road Mapping for Financial Success. Mr. Chance stated it is worth the expense to go to this type of conference just for the invaluable information received at the conference.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Richard Donoho made a motion to adjourn. Board member Chris McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed, the meeting adjourned.

Jami Edwards, Secretary Peru Utilities Service Board

